

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
METROPOLITAN SCHOOL DISTRICT OF WABASH COUNTY

A meeting of the Board of Education (the "Board") of the Metropolitan School District of Wabash County, Indiana ("School District"), was held at the Administration Building, 204 N. 300 W., Wabash, IN, on January 23, 2024, at 6:16 p.m. (EST), pursuant to notice duly given to all members in accordance with I.C. 20-26-4-1, I.C. 20-26-4-3, I.C. 5-14-1.5 and the rules of the Board.

**MSDWC School Board met in regular session on January 23, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. at the Central Office. We will continue to livestream the meeting on Facebook Live.**

Scott Hauptert, Board President, called the meeting to order. Mike Keaffaber, Superintendent, Chris Kuhn, Assistant Superintendent, and Tim Drake, Chief Academic Officer were also present. On call of the roll the members of the Board were shown to be present as follows: Christian Rosen, Jeff Porter, and Kevin Bowman. Absent was Matt Driscoll. Also present were Josh Petruniw, Gary Dawson, Frankie Dawson, Laura Langebartels, Janette Moore, Preston Moore, Michelle Campbell, Clara Campbell, Brock Shambarger, Mandy Shambarger, Tim Guiff, Kara Guiff, Krissy Cunningham, Ella Cunningham, Ryan Cunningham, and Tonya Boone.

The pledge to the flag was recited.

Future Board meetings are scheduled for February 13, 2024, 6:00 p.m., Regular Meeting at the Administration Building, February 27, 2024, Regular Meeting at the Administration Building, and March 12, 2024, 6:00 p.m., Regular Meeting at the Administration Building.

School Recognition (Student and Staff):

Bridge Director, White's Jr/Sr High School, Tonya Boone recognized Teacher of the Year Kara Guiff.

Randy Boone, Southwood Jr/Sr High School senior was recognized for receiving the Ford Family Community Scholarship.

Other recognitions were:

From Janette Moore, Principal at Metro North Elementary, Metro North was recognized by the Kids Caring and Sharing officer with the Riley Children's Foundation as a Red Wagon School. Our MN staff generously donates each spring to the Riley Foundation, our Red Wagon School status is earned by donating more than \$1 per student enrolled at Metro North. Last spring, our staff donated \$370 to this incredible foundation that gives so much to families.

Presentation:

Minds in Action: Principal, Janette Moore and students Preston Moore, Clara Campbell, Brock Shambarger, Charlotte Harrington, and Ella Cunningham shared last year's Mind in Action fun that they had. Mrs. Moore then shared the upcoming summer enrichment programming.

Laura Langebartels shared with the Board the digital sign options for the North and South.

Public Comment: (Agenda Items Only)

No comments were made.

The Regular Meeting Minutes and Reorganization Meeting Minutes from January 9, 2024, were approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

Claims were approved upon a motion made by Christian Rosen, a second by Jeff Porter, and unanimously carried.

Payroll was approved upon a motion made by Christian Rosen, a second by Jeff Porter, and unanimously carried.

Dr. Kuhn shared with the Board that they are working with the bond council to keep the project moving forward with bonding this fall.

Personnel Recommendations:

The recommendation to approve the employment of Cora Roser, Temporary Teacher, Metro North Elementary, effective January 17, 2024; Julie Gogolewski, Cook, Southwood Jr/Sr High School, effective January 29, 2024; Lauren Koldus, Math Teacher, Southwood Jr/Sr High School, effective August 5, 2024; Thomas Tyree, PE Teacher and Varsity Head Football Coach, Southwood Jr/Sr High School, effective August 5, 2024, were approved upon a motion made by Christian Rosen, a second by Kevin Bowman, and unanimously carried.

Heartland Career Center Report:

No report.

Superintendent's Report:

Mr. Keaffaber shared that 3 White's Jr/Sr High students received their diplomas recently.

Eric Tyson, Southwood Elementary Art Teacher, created a mural assignment for the 4<sup>th</sup> grade students. She challenged them to create murals for local businesses and organizations. Some of the students created a mural for 50 East at Josiah White's. Josiah White's CEO/President, Matthew Purkey visited the students to share that the murals will be on display at 50 East during

the month of February for people to vote. The winning drawing will become the mural on 50 East. The other students who submitted a mural for 50 east will get to dip their hand in paint and put it on the wall as a participant.

#### Curriculum Report:

Tim Drake commented that MSDWC has good people working for us.

#### New Business:

The recommendation to approve new bus purchases was approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Jeff Porter, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the Early Literacy Grant Resolution and Stipends were approved upon a motion made by Christian Rosen, a second by Kevin Bowman, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the HRA 1003 Flexibility Waiver Resolution IC 20-30-2-3 (School Days) was approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the HEA 1003 Flexibility Waiver Resolution IC 20-30-2-2.7 (Virtual Instructional Day) Limit to 3 virtual student instructional days was approved upon a motion made by Christian Rosen, a second by Jeff Porter, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the field trip for Summer Enrichment Programming-Minds In Action-Level I, Exploring Local Resources, May 28, 29, 30, and 31, 2024, was approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Jeff Porter, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the field trip for Summer Enrichment Programming-Minds In Action-Level II, Turkey Run State Park & Brown County State Park, June 3-7, 2024 was approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Jeff Porter, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the field trip for Summer Enrichment Programming-Minds In Action-Level III, Exploring the National Parks of the Grand Circle, June 9-23, 2024 was approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Jeff Porter, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the 2024 Summer School Programming was approved upon a motion made by Christian Rosen, a second by Kevin Bowman, and unanimously carried.

#### Unfinished Business:

No unfinished business.

Board Policy:

No Board Policy.

Public Comment (All Agenda Items):

No comments.

Items from Board Members:

No items from the Board Members.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

THE METROPOLITAN SCHOOL DISTRICT  
OF WABASH COUNTY, INDIANA

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Scott Haupert, PRESIDENT

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Christian Rosen, VICE-PRESIDENT

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Matt Driscoll, BOARD MEMBER

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Jeff Porter, BOARD MEMBER

ATTEST:

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Kevin Bowman, SECRETARY